

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Rümppler et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF  
ENZYME GRANULES AND ENZYME  
GRANULES PRODUCED THUS

**Group:** 1792

**Examiner:** Robert A. Vetere

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the final Office Action mailed October 20, 2009 [Paper No. 20091014] and is being submitted with the period for expedited handling.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: